

ate schools for white and colored children of each district; to provide for the apportionment of the school funds of each district to the respective schools thereof."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of Senator Rogers,

Senate bill No. 66, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 566, chapter 2, title 20, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the Twenty-third Legislature, chapter 83, page 109,"

Was made special order for Thursday week (February 21), and from day to day.

On motion of Senator Dickson, Senate adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 15, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Bailey.	Lewis.
Beall.	McComb.
Bowser.	McKinney.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Crowley.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Shelburne.
Dean.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Dickson.	Steele.
Gage.	Tips.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.
Sherrill.

Smith.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator McKinney, same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Rogers, Journal Clerk W. B. O'Quinn was excused for non-attendance for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator McKinney, J. M. Kennedy, postmaster of the Senate, was excused until Monday on account of important business, and John L. Stephenson was appointed to serve as postmaster in the meantime.

Senator Presler arose to a question of personal privilege and presented the following:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

I beg leave this morning to address you briefly upon a matter of personal privilege. Noticing yesterday in the pa-

pers the published reports of my humorous assault upon the country press, it occurs to me that there may be some people to whom heaven has denied the sense of humor, and that by this class of serious minded individuals my remarks might be taken as indicating a slight regard for a large and influential class of our fellow citizens known as the country editors; a class, too, that is quite numerous in my section, and who have a way of taking considerable interest in politics; who, notwithstanding the fact that they themselves are somewhat in the habit of indulging in facetious remarks about "nail-keg editors wearing linen dusters in the winter time and claw hammer coats of ancient fabric in the summer, in order to conceal from the public gaze half soles on the seat of their pants," and other such like allusions and references, all calculated to impress the public with the idea that their business was not a financial success; but who might nevertheless fail to take kindly to like remarks coming from an outsider, an alien, a stranger to their commonweal, like myself. It is therefore in order Mr. President, and probably best for my political health, for me to make a few serious remarks expressive of the high regard that I really entertain for the country press, and laying jokes aside, Mr. President, I know of no more worthy, honorable and useful class among our citizens than the gentlemen who are engaged in conducting our country newspapers. I subscribe for, pay for, and sometimes read some fifteen or twenty of such papers published in my section. I do not know of one that is not a credit and an honor to the community in which it is published. In most instances they are really better papers than their towns deserve or their patronage warrants; nor do I know of any class of our people, Mr. President, who furnish more patriotism for less money; they are the conservators of public morals and the very palladium of our liberties, devoted to the interests of their people, public spirited, patriotic and incorruptible, championing the cause of right as they see it, generally without fear of punishment and oftener without the hope of reward. Many of these country editors publishing papers in obscure places, inadequately compensated by a meagre support grudgingly given, devoting the labors of a life time to the work of elevating, educating and refining the masses of citizenship, laying the foundations for future grandeur and prosperity of our people; and I can close this talk in no better way than to liken them in their lives, work and reputation to the insect builders of the coral reefs in the southern seas that labor deep down in the depths of the ocean laying the foundation of future islands and coming continents; generations after generations give themselves to their hidden work as age after age goes by, until at last their structure rears its crest above the break of the waters, the waves of old ocean roll back and the dry land is there, the orange and the palm trees, land-locked

harbors and great ships riding therein; but the little insect builders that laid the foundations deep down in the depths of the ocean are entombed in their work and forgotten in their tombs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred

House bill No. 111, being a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal chapter 100, general laws of the regular session of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An act to protect stockraisers, farmers and horticulturists; providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals; to make an appropriation therefor, and to repeal chapter 119, relating to same subject,' approved April 2, 1887; and to revive chapter 119 of the Twentieth Legislature, approved April 2, 1887, entitled 'An act to protect stockraisers, providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAWHON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 47, being a bill to be entitled "An act to protect persons, associations and unions of workingmen, incorporated or unincorporated, in their labels, trademarks, designs, imprints and forms of advertising and names, and to prescribe penalties for violation of same, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DICKSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Labor, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 142, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the amicable adjustment of grievances and disputes that may arise between employers or receivers and employes, and to authorize the creation of a board of arbitration, and to provide for the compensation of said board, and to provide penalties for the violation hereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the

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same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, the said bill having been re-committed.

DICKSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 15, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 60, being "An act to make the possession of cattle, horses or mules having thereon burnt brands unlawful, and to empower the sheriff and inspector of hides and animals to sequester the same, and to provide for the procedure in cases of seizure,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BAILEY, Chairman.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of 152 citizens of Cherokee county, against repeal of fish law now in force in said county.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator McKinney:

Petition of Waco Commercial Club in regard to change of venue laws.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Lawhon:

Petition of the members of the bar and citizens of Bee county asking for more time for the district court of said county.

Read and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Goss:

Petition of citizens of Collingsworth county, asking for reduction of rate of interest on the school land sales.

Read and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Bowser:

A bill to be entitled "An act to create a State board of agriculture for the State of Texas, and to provide for the organization of farmers' institutes, and for the collection and dissemination of crop reports, and to define the general powers and duties of said board."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Bailey:

A bill to be entitled "An act providing for the amendment of article 2971 of Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Bailey:

A bill to be entitled "An act to establish a naval battalion to be attached to the Volunteer Guard of Texas, provided for in subdivision 2, article 3242."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

By Senator Bailey:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 38, 103, 106 and 138 of an act en-

titled 'An act to incorporate the City of Fort Worth and to grant a charter to said city,' approved March 20, 1889; and sections 6, 7, 29, 34, 88, 102, of said act as amended by the Twenty-second Legislature in 1891, and to add thereto sections 35a, 35b, 101a, 101b, 101c, 101d, 101e, 102a, 103a, 104a, 105a, 105b, 106a, and 106b."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns, Cities and Corporations.

By Senator Presler:

A bill to be entitled "An act to reorganize the Thirty-third and Fifty-first Judicial Districts and to name the counties composing the same counties and to fix the time of holding court therein."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Greer:

Concurrent resolution:

Whereas, We realize the fact that it will take quite a while to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and to adopt the Revised Statutes of the State; and

Whereas, It is deemed inexpedient and ill-advised to prolong the present session of the Legislature for that purpose; and

Whereas, The absence of these two committees would greatly retard committee work and frequently break a quorum; and

Whereas, It is believed that there can be a great saving of time and of money by adopting this resolution; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That when, in the opinion of the Legislature, it has finished all needed legislation, save and except the redistricting of the State into judicial districts and the adoption of the Revised Statutes, that the Legislature take a recess of thirty days.

Resolved further, That during said recess, the committees heretofore appointed by the respective chairs of the two houses, remain at Austin for the purpose of formulating and preparing a bill on each of said subjects, to be submitted to the Legislature on its reconvening.

Resolved further, That the members of said committees shall receive from the State Treasury, to be paid out of the contingent funds of the respective houses of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, the sum of five dollars each per day for each and every day actually consumed in the preparation and presentation of said bills; provided, however, that said committees shall not remain in session over thirty days.

The resolution was read.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by adding: "Provided, that none of the employes or members of the Legislature, except the members of said committees and the clerks who serve said committees, shall receive any pay during such recess."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Agnew.
Atlee.

Bailey.
Beall.

Bowser.
Colquitt.
Darwin.
Dean.
Dickson.
Goss.
Greer.
Harrison.
Lawhon.
Lewis.

Dibrell.
Simpson.

Boren.
Sherrill.

Crowley.

Nays—3.

Steele.

Absent, excused.
Smith.

Absent, not excused.
Gage.

Senator Dean moved to reconsider the vote passing the amendment.

Senator Goss called up the motion and moved to table.

Tabled.

By Senator Harrison:

"Provided, that the members of said committees shall only receive two dollars per day after the first sixty days of their service in the Twenty-fourth Legislature expires.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.
Bowser.
Colquitt.
Darwin.
Dickson.
Gage.

Harrison.
Lawhon.
McKinney.
Simpson.
Steele.

Nays—16.

Agnew.
Bailey.
Beall.
Dean.
Dibrell.
Goss.
Greer.
Lewis.

McComb.
Presler.
Rogers.
Shelburne.
Stafford.
Tips.
Whitaker.
Woods.

Absent, excused.
Smith.

Boren.
Sherrill.

Absent—not excused.

Crowley.

Senator Dean moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost.

Senator Rogers moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.
Atlee.
Bailey.
Beall.
Bowser.
Dibrell.
Goss.
Greer.

Lewis.
McComb.
Presler.
Rogers.
Stafford.
Tips.
Whitaker.
Woods.

Nays—11.

Colquitt.
Darwin.
Dean.
Dickson.
Gage.
Harrison.

Lawhon.
McKinney.
Shelburne.
Simpson.
Steele.

Absent, excused.

Boren.
Sherrill.

Smith.

Absent, not excused.

Crowley.

Senator Bowser offered a resolution providing for two daily sessions of the Senate:

Senator Lewis moved the point of order that the resolution was out of order from the fact that pending business had not been suspended.

Sustained.

Senator Dickson moved that

Senate bill No. 11, being a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors, to declare what acts shall operate as such assignments and to prescribe rules for administering the same and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, approved April 7, 1883; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Be made special order for next Monday at 10:30 and from day to day.

Carried.

On motion of Senator Colquitt

Senate bill No. 149, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore levied and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of the lands delinquent for taxes since January 1, 1877, which may have been sold to the State or to any county, city or town, for the tax due thereon, and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, to satisfy the lien thereon,"

Was made special order for next Monday after call and from day to day until disposed of.

Senator Simpson moved to adjourn to Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Bailey.	McKinney.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Simpson.
Dean.	Stafford.
Dickson.	Steele.
Goss.	Woods.

Nays—12.

Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	McComb.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Gage.	Tips.
Greer.	Whitaker.

Absent, excused.

Boren.
Sherrill.

Smith.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 18, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Lewis.
Bowser.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Crowley.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Dickson.	Smith.
Gage.	Stafford.
Goss.	Steele.
Greer.	Tips.
Harrison.	Whitaker.
Lawhon.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Dean.
Bailey.	McKinney.
Beall.	Sherrill.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Dickson same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Rogers, Senator Beall was excused for non-attendance on today and tomorrow, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Agnew, Senator Atlee was excused for this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Greer, Senator Rogers was appointed on Committee of County and County Boundaries.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:

Petition of citizens of Cherokee county, asking repeal of special law passed by Twenty-third Legislature, regulating the catching of fish in Cherokee and other counties.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from ladies of Pecos, Reeves county, Texas, for passage of a law raising the age of consent to 18 years.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Crowley:

Petition of 75 taxpayers of Brazoria county, opposing the new county of Alano.

Read and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

By Senator Harrison:

Petition from business men of Temple, asking that no change be made in the law relative to fire and life insurance companies.